



# City of Carmel

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

## Selecting Crabapple Varieties

Crabapples are versatile, small, ornamental trees used in the urban landscape. Crabapples bloom in spring, usually in May, bearing flowers that vary a great deal in color, size, fragrance, and visual appeal. It is common for flower buds to be red, opening to pink or white flowers. The fruit ripens between July and November, and varies in size from ¼" to 2" long or wide. Crabapples thrive in full sun and grow best in well drained, slightly acidic soils (pH 5.5-6.5); however, they will grow well in many soil types. Most crabapple selections tolerate the cold winters and hot, dry summers prevalent in the Midwest. For many years, crabapple cultivars have been selected on the basis of their flowers, but with some cultivars, undesirable features, such as disease problems and early fruit drop, outweigh their short-lived spring beauty. No single cultivar can fulfill every landscaping need. Consider the following information when choosing a crabapple cultivar for your landscape. ([mortonarb.org](http://mortonarb.org))

### Recommended Crabapple Cultivars:

Name	Ht/Wd	Form	Bud/Flower	Fruit
'Adirondack'	12/6	Columnar	Red/White	Orange Red
'Amberina'	12/12	Upright	Red/White	Orange Red
baccata 'jackii'	30/40	Up/Rounded	White	Purplish-red
Bechtel	30/15	Columnar	Pink	Green
'Beverly'	20/20	Up/Spreading	Red/White	Red
Camelot™ 'Camzam'	10/8	Rounded	Dark Red/White	Red
'Centennial'	25/20	Rounded	Pink/White	Red-Yellow
Centurion® 'Centzam'	20/15	Narrow/Up	Dark Pink/Red	Cherry Red
Coralburst™ 'Coralcole'	10/10	Rounded	Coral/Rose	Bronze-yellow
'David'	15/15	Rounded	Pink/White	Scarlet Red
'Louisa'	15/15	Weeping	Red/Pink	Yellow
'Ludwick'	6/10	Weeping	Dark Pink/Pink	Red
Molten Lava™ 'Molazam'	12/15	Broad/Weeping	Rose/White	Orange Red
'Prairifire'	20/20	Up/Rounded	Red/Dark Red	Purplish-red
'Professor Sprenger'	20/20	Up/Spreading	Pink/White	Orange Red
'Red Jewel'	18/12	Up/Rounded	Pink/White	Cherry Red
sargentii	8/15	Spreading/Shrub	Pale Pink/White	Red
'Tea'	15/20	Vase	Pink	Red-yellow
'Tina'	5/6	Spreading/Shrub	Red/White	Red
'Sinai Fire'	15/15	Up/Weeping	Red/White	Orange-red
'Winter Gold'	25/20	Broadly Oval	Red/White	Yellow
x zumi 'Calocarpa'	25/25	Up/Spreading	Red/White	Bright Red

### Not Recommended Crabapple Cultivars:

The following should not be used because of insect and disease susceptibility.

([ppdl.purdue.edu/PPDL/expert/Crabapple\\_Cultivars.html](http://ppdl.purdue.edu/PPDL/expert/Crabapple_Cultivars.html))

(Handbook of Landscape Tree Cultivars, Willet N. Wandell)

Adams	Doubloons	Madonna	Red Baron	Sugar Tyme
Baskatong	Harvest Gold	Mary Potter	Robinson	Velvet Pillar
Brandywine	Indian Magic	Pink Spires	Selkirk	White Candle
Candied Apple	Indian Summer	Prairie Maid	Sentinel	White Cascade
Donald Wyman	Liset	Profusion	Snowdrift	Van Eseltine